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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION

PROCEEDINGS

SIXTY-NINTH DAY — THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2003

The house met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was not present (Record 622).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Baxter; Berman; Bohac; Bonnen; Brown, B.; Brown, F.; Callegari; Campbell; Casteel; Chisum; Christian; Cook, B.; Corte; Crabb; Crownover; Davis, J.; Dawson; Delisi; Denny; Driver; Dutton; Eissler; Elkins; Flores; Flynn; Gattis; Geren; Giddings; Goodman; Goolsby; Griggs; Grusendorf; Gutierrez; Haggerty; Hamilton; Hamric; Hardcastle; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Heflin; Hegar; Hilderbran; Hill; Hope; Howard; Hughes; Hunter; Hupp; Isett; Jones, D.; Jones, E.; Keel; Keffer, B.; Keffer, J.; King; Kolkhorst; Krusee; Kuempel; Laubenberg; Luna; Madden; Marchant; McCall; Mercer; Merritt; Miller; Morrison; Mowery; Nixon; Paxton; Phillips; Pitts; Reyna; Riddle; Seaman; Smith, W.; Solomons; Stick; Swinford; Talton; Taylor; Truitt; Turner; Van Arsdale; West; Wilson; Wohlgemuth; Wong; Woolley; Zedler.

Absent — Allen; Alonzo; Bailey; Branch; Burnam; Canales; Capelo; Castro; Chavez; Coleman; Cook, R.; Davis, Y.; Deshotel; Dukes; Dunnam; Edwards; Eiland; Ellis; Escobar; Farabee; Farrar; Gallego; Garza; Guillen; Hochberg; Hodge; Homer; Hopson; Jones, J.; Laney; Lewis; Mabry; Martinez Fischer; McClendon; McReynolds; Menendez; Moreno, J.; Moreno, P.; Naishtat; Noriega; Oliveira; Olivo; Peña; Pickett; Puente; Quintanilla; Raymond; Ritter; Rodriguez; Rose; Smith, T.; Smithee; Solis; Telford; Thompson; Uresti; Villarreal; Wise; Wolens.

The invocation was offered by Father Peter Anthony, Sacred Heart Church, Sinton, as follows:

Heavenly Father, in whom we trust and by whose guidance and grace our nation was born, we thank you for making us citizens of this land of freedom and unlimited opportunity. You have given us this land as our heritage. Make us always remember your generosity and constantly do your will. Bless our land with honesty, sound learning, and an honorable way of life. Make us, who come from many nations, with many different languages, a united people. Give us the faith to believe that there is no problem before us that your wisdom cannot solve. As you have guided men and women in the past, so guide our leaders today. At every desk, may there be a whisper of your counsel. Help our leaders weigh their words so that their words may carry weight and, what is more, echo of your will. Grateful for rights and privileges, may we be conscious of our duties and obligations.

God Almighty, bless our president, governor, senators, and house of representatives. Give them the spirit of wisdom so that there might be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, let their hearts be thankful, and, in troubled times, do not let their trust in you fail. Help them to stand up under the strains and the tensions of problems and decisions, of meetings and conferences, and the endless demands made upon them. Teach them how to relax and to take time to turn to you for guidance and for grace, and thus discover the secret of power. In their choices let them not ask, "Will it work?" but rather, "Is it right?"

Give us the grace Lord, to wait upon you, for "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

In our dealings with each other, may we be gentle, understanding, and kind, with our tempers under control.

In our dealings with other nations, may we be firm without obstinacy, generous without extravagance, and right without compromise. We do not pray that other nations might love us, but that they may know that we stand for what is right—unafraid, with the courage of our convictions.

In this invocation, we bring unto you the members of this body, its officers, and its servants for your blessing—persons who feel the weight of responsibility, the need of your divine guidance, and the support of your grace. Bestow upon them the courage to do the right as you have given them to see the right and to make wise decisions in union of minds and of hearts.

We make this humble invocation to you, our Father and Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

CAPITOL PHYSICIAN

The speaker announced that Dr. Joane Baumer of Fort Worth served as the "Doctor for the Day."

HOUSE AT EASE

At 10:51 a.m., the speaker announced that the house would stand at ease.

The speaker called the house to order at 3 p.m.

(Allen and Branch now present)

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Turner moved that the house adjourn until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The house accordingly, at 3:44 p.m., adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Favorable reports have been filed by committees as follows:

May 14

Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations - **SB 1143, SB 1174, SB 1295, SB 1457**

Licensing and Administrative Procedures - **HB 1003, SB 282**

Natural Resources - **HB 3606**

Urban Affairs - **HB 1639**

SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

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